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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2003, for the above-identified patent application, Applicants respond as follows:

REMARKS

Regarding the rejected claims 1-60, Applicants have noted and carefully studied the Examiner's comments and the cited art. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration. For the reasons set forth below, Applicants submit the claims are allowable as written.

§ 112 Rejections

1-35 and 43-60

Claims 1-35 and 43-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. More specifically, the Office Action states that the claim(s) contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to